



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 27, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 5.6 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 80s to the mid 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Greenville County had cooler weather and no rain. The total solar eclipse was in our area.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

A much drier week allowed for some corn harvest. Average yield should be excellent. Tobacco harvest is winding down. The crop is fair with moderate yields, but pricing has been good thus far. Soybeans, cotton, and peanuts are all fruiting heavily as conditions for development in all three crops have been good.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Crop conditions are declining drastically due to the continuation of excessive heat and little precipitation. Most of the corn crop was mature before the excessive heat and should still have strong yields. Dryland soybeans have been impacted the most by the minimal precipitation as we are in the crucial period for setting pods. Cotton, mainly dryland cotton, is also suffering as it is still in the process of boll maturity. On irrigated land, pivots cannot be utilized enough to compensate for the lack of moisture.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Little rain this week, except in the southern portion of Hampton County, kept corn harvesting progressing well. Soybean growers were still having to apply pest controls in some areas. Cotton, peanuts, and soybeans continue to maintain their condition and yield potential. Peanut growers are continuing to apply disease controls on a scheduled basis. Cotton is still slowly opening in most fields.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/27/17

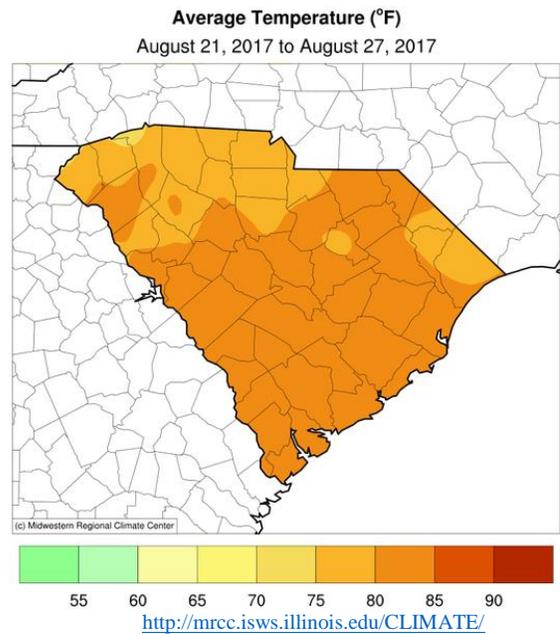
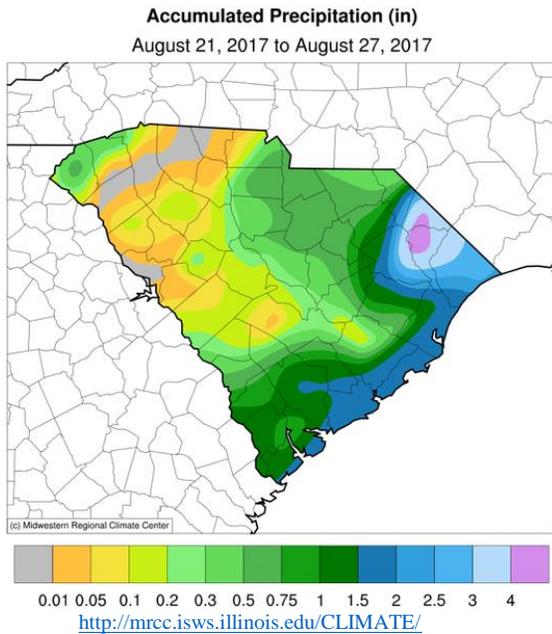
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	97	94	95	95
Corn - Harvested	53	28	65	51
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	95	84	96	92
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	21	9	11	12
Hay - 2nd Cutting	92	85	94	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	99	90	NA	NA
Soybeans - Blooming	92	84	87	86
Soybeans - Setting Pods	61	42	52	49
Tobacco - Harvested.....	71	55	73	81

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/27/17

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	20	72	8
Corn	0	3	8	66	23
Cotton	0	0	4	54	42
Pasture and range.....	0	5	39	54	2
Peanuts.....	0	0	6	48	46
Soybeans.....	0	1	4	66	29

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/27/17

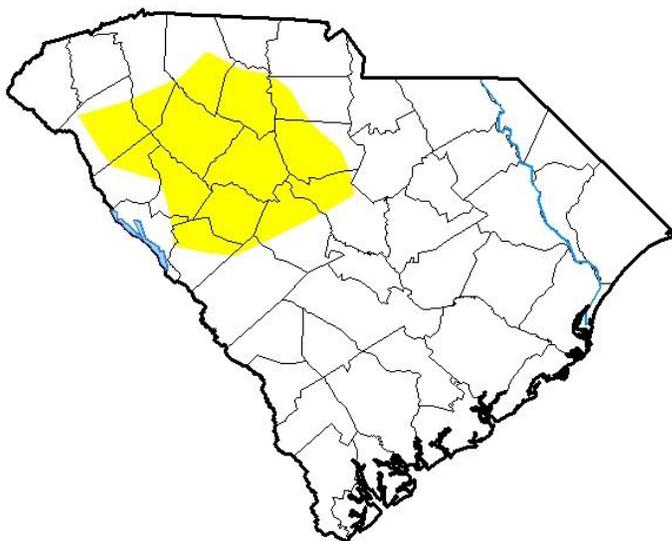
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	5	0	6
Short.....	23	19	24
Adequate.....	62	73	65
Surplus.....	10	8	5
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	15	11	NA
Adequate.....	75	82	NA
Surplus.....	10	7	NA



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.33	17.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-15-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-23-2017	50.94	49.06	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-23-2016	61.77	38.23	16.89	2.12	0.58	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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